



16th February 2024

Our Value this half term is Forgiveness

Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils,



Everyone enjoyed our **Ash Wednesday service** led by Rev. Karen on Wednesday morning. Most of the children chose to have their hand or forehead marked with a cross in ash marking the start of Lent and a time for reflection.



BLESSING JARS

As part of our Lenten Reflection, each class has a Blessing Jar where the children are encouraged to write down or draw what they are thankful for and place in the Jar. We will give thanks for all our Blessing at our Easter Service.

A reminder that **Parent and Carer Consultation evenings** are taking place on Wednesday 28th and Thursday 29th February. Please go onto Arbor to book a slot if you have not already done so.

Nearly New Uniform will be available at the consultation evenings. Please help yourself.

Going forward, we will only accept school jumpers, cardigans and PE kit to pass on to parents and carers. We do not have the capacity to store grey trousers/ skirts, shirts or other items of clothing so please donate these to your local charity shop.

Achievements

Each week we focus on a learning behaviour and one or two children who display this behaviour in each class will receive a certificate in celebration of this. Our learning behaviour this week has been **Curiosity**.

Congratulations to: **YR:** Eduardo & Jan; **Y1:** Enzo; **Y2:** Isaac; **Y3:** Teddy; **Y4:** Dominic, Seth & Habel; **Y5:** Ronnie & Gabriella; **Y6:** Leo.

When we come back after half term we will be focusing on *Concentration*.

We have had a great week of sport; please see the following page for our **Sporting Achievements**.

House points

We are keeping a weekly tally of the number of House points each House has as well as a running total.

The overall total number of points so far this year for each House is:

St Francis:	1758
St Andrew:	1753
St Clare:	1741
St Catherine:	1713



Safety Online Simplified 20

What is Discord? Discord has been around since 2015 and whilst it has been seen as the social media app for gamers, this has changed. Discord is very popular across Years 5 and 6 not just for gaming, but simply as a means to keep in touch with friends and family (as per WhatsApp) or joining others in conversations on servers.

[This article](#) from Childnet will bring you up to speed on what it involves.

Have a great half term! **Mrs Collins**

Learning, Loving, Living in God's Family

"But I am like an olive tree flourishing in the house of God; I trust in God's unfailing love forever and ever. Psalm 52:8

Sporting Achievements

Year 6 took part in the ***Sporting Futures Indoor Athletics Competition*** yesterday. All of the children put in maximum effort and showed enthusiasm throughout. The boys' team finished second, with outstanding performances from Jeremy and Israel. The girls' team finished first, which was a fantastic achievement. A special mention for Chloe, Jamie and Saumya who all won their javelin competition, throwing nearly half the length of the gymnasium.



The ***Mixed Football Team*** played a match away against Giles School on Tuesday and won, a fantastic 7-2! Congratulations to everyone who took part but especially to Alfie who scored a double hat-trick, Emmanuel who scored the final goal and David for saving so many attempts on goal!

The ***Girls' Football Team*** played a home match against Codicote School on Monday. The girls played really well and it was a close match, 1-1 at full time, but they had a penalty shootout and didn't win in the end. Well done to everyone who played.

Diary Dates

- **Monday 19th – Friday 23rd February** – Half Term
- **Wednesday 28th & Thursday 29th February** – Parent/Carer Consultation evenings (booking details sent out last week)
- **Thursday 7th March** – Wear pyjamas for World Book Day
- **Thursday 13th March** – Y4 Easter Journey
- **Wednesday 27th March** – Last Day of Term – Early finish 1:30pm - No After School Club
- **Monday 15th April** – Back to School